

RACC Meeting Minutes No. 297 (April 27, 2011)

1. Purpose: A regularly scheduled meeting of the RACC was held from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EDT in Room 10300 on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, to discuss and address national and regional AWIPS issues, problems and concerns.

2. Regions In Attendance: The following regions (and other NWS organizations outside of Silver Spring) participated in the conference call: **ERH**: Joshua Watson; **SRH**: Eric Howieson; **WRH**: Ulysses Davis; **CRH**: Greg Noonan; **ARH**: Eugene Petrescu; **PRH**: Eric Lau; **GSD**: Woody Roberts; **NCEP**: (did not call in); **NWSTC**: (did not call in); **Warning Decision Training Branch**: Darrel Kingfield; **NRC**: Heiko Crowe; **Forecast Decision Training Branch**: (did not call in);

Other Participants: Jim Stenpeck, Robert Rood, Ira Grafman, John Seeger, Ashley Kells, Chris Marshall

3. Discussion Items: The following topics were discussed/briefed at the meeting:

a. Status of Upcoming Software Releases (Chris Marshall):

OB9.4: Deployment of this NCF push release began this past Monday. It is going a bit slow due to many sites having severe weather this week. Only 24 sites are now up to OB9.4 but installations should pick up quickly in due time and the NCF will be coordinating this with the remaining sites.

OB9.5: We are nearly through one week of the SWIT testing. There are 21 DRs in the release and we will be performing regression testing for the next few weeks. We are looking for beta sites for the upcoming beta testing (May 19 – June 8). The Readiness Review will be held on June 9 and will deploy on June 22. This will be DVD media release.

b. HiRes Shapefile Implementation Status (Robert Rood): Bob Rood was joined by Ira Grafman to discuss this topic. They noted that some feedback has indicated the instructions have been confusing and too verbose. Bob indicated that he will ask the senders for more specific feedback to clear things up. If a site notes some errors, they can make corrections in their files and send them back to WSH so the information can be included in future updates.

Bob is planning on composing a lessons learned type of document or a FAQ document. A question was asked about posting on the AWIPS infolist a status of sites updating their shapefiles with the latest versions. Ira indicated that he could do that but he noted that unless you are one of these sites or a backup you do not need to get a fresh copy of any of these shapefiles. In due time once the project has stabilized, all sites could update their shapefiles with the latest version.

c. Focal Point/Participants Reports, Problems and Concerns:

Alaska Region: We recently installed OB9.4 on our system and are waiting the next upgrade for the ADAM.

Central Region: We have issues with CUPID on AWIPS II. We had to open up a trouble ticket on Monday and finally got it resolved just today. We have LDAD issues with MesoNet. Bill Gery is working on the FIT this week.

Eastern Region: We plan on installing OB11.5 on AWIPS II next week. Many of our offices have made changes to their Shapefiles. Our plan is to wait for the dust to settle with installing them in due time and then to have all our sites make the latest changes all at the same time.

Pacific Region: For the ADAM, we got the standalone LDM server set up to ingest SBN data for the region. Because we are outside of the AWIPS network, we have an RC for the OPSNET to open up the 4388 so our ADAMs can ingest data from external LDMs. We hope that Jim Lane can get this RC on a fast track so we can begin working on the ADAM.

Southern Region: What is the latest hardware status and what is coming down the road after the upcoming RACK Consolidation? The group stated that the CPSBN will be installed in all the regions soon.

Western Region: The CPSBN was installed last week and we had no issues with it. We installed OB9.4 on our headquarters' system.

GSD: We have installed OB11.4 on our AWIPS II system.

Warning Decision Training Branch: We have installed OB11.4 and are evaluating it for training development. We received the HiRes Shapefiles and are looking to install it into the WES along with OB9.5.

NRC: We have some information for the question that Eric Howieson asked about upcoming new hardware. Usually, when the factory warranty runs out, new hardware is issued to the field. Following that reasoning, in May, the CP servers will expire, the XT's will run out in September, and come January of 2012, the LDAD servers will expire on their warranty.

The next RACC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2011. If you know of any agenda items you wish to be discussed at this RACC, please e-mail them to Jim Stenpeck and cc Sanford Garrard. This is to ensure that all of the appropriate WSH personnel attend this RACC to address your issues.